



2022

## Rutland Bell-Ringers Newsletter

# JUNE



### Branch Summer Ringing Tour Saturday 25th June 2022

**10.15 - 11.15** St Mary the Virgin, Greetham. LE15 7NX 6 bells LE15 7NF

**11.30 - 12.30** St Nicholas, Cottesmore. LE15 7BW 6 bells LE15 7DH

**1.00 - 2.30pm** Lunch at Black Bull Market Overton

**2.30 - 3.30pm** SS Peter & Paul, Market Overton LE15 7PW 5 bells LE15 7PW

*(£2 per rope to ring)*

*Numbers needed for lunch. Menu sent as separate attachment  
Please let me know if you will be attending. [suevw@sky.com](mailto:suevw@sky.com)*



### St Peter, Brooke - Celebration Evensong

**Sunday 19th June 6.00pm.**

to celebrate 30 years since the restoration and augmentation of the bells.

All ringers are welcome to join us, there will be open ringing before the service starting at 5.15.

### Second Saturday Sessions

Organized by the Guild - Open to All

**Session 1 – Basic Bell Maintenance on Saturday 10th September**

**Session 2 – Beyond Plain Bob on Saturday 9th July (fully subscribed)**

**Session 3 – Understanding Call Changes on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Session 4 – Intermediate Bell Maintenance**

**Session 5 – Ringing up and down in peal**

More information can be found on **Page 7**

If anyone is interested in any of these sessions, contact Simon Dixon ([master@pdg.org.uk](mailto:master@pdg.org.uk)) or Cathy Dixon ([pro@pdg.org.uk](mailto:pro@pdg.org.uk)) to let them know and they will be in touch with more details.

**Uppingham Practice** - The next Uppingham Branch practice will be on Thursday 23rd June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Items for the July newsletter to Sue Webster  
by Thursday 30th June  
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## JUBILEE RINGING



**WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR RUTLAND RINGERS.** Over the four days of the Platinum Jubilee weekend, 2nd-5th June 2022, there was ringing at some time during the holiday in all 34 towers in the Rutland Branch. Quite an achievement!

**ASHWELL** *5th June* Rounds

**AYSTON** *4th June* Plain Bob

**BARROWDEN** *2nd & 5th* Call Changes, PH. Queens

**BELTON** *5th June* Rounds, Call Changes

**BRAUNSTON** *3rd & 5th June* QP. plus Sunday ringing.

**BROOKE** *5th June* PBD, St Simons, St Martins.

**CALDECOTT** *4th June* Call changes, PH.

**COTTESMORE** *3rd June* Rounds, Call Changes

**EDITH WESTON** *2nd June* Plain Bob, Cambridge

**EMPINGHAM** *2nd June* Rounds, Call Changes, PH.

**EXTON** *3rd June* Rounds, Call Changes

**GLASTON** *4th June* Kent, Bob Minor

**Gt CASTERTON** *2nd June* Call Changes. PBD.

**GREETHAM** *3rd June* Rounds, Call Changes

**GRETTON** *5th June* Call Changes

**HARRINGWORTH** *5th June* Rounds, Call Changes

**HAMBLETON** *2nd & 5th June* Rounds, Call Changes

**KETTON** *5th* (Chiming) Grandsire & Reverse Canterbury

**LANGHAM** *3rd & 5th June* Call Changes

**LYDDINGTON** *5th June* Call Changes

**LYNDON** *4th June* Lyndon Differential

**MARKET OVERTON** *3rd June* Rounds, Call Changes

**MORCOTT** *2nd June* Minimus Methods.

**NORTH LUFFENHAM** *2nd June* North Luffenham

**OAKHAM** *3rd & 5th* Rounds, Call Changes. Firing (*Sun*)

**PRESTON** *5th June* Rounds

**RIDLINGTON** *4th June* Plain Bob. Double Bob

**RYHALL** *4th & 5th June* PH, Bob Minor, Queens

**SEATON** *3rd June* Call Changes

**SOUTH LUFFENHAM** *2nd June* Minimus Methods

**TINWELL** *2nd June* Rounds

**UPPINGHAM** *2nd & 5th* Call changes, Queens.

**WHISENDINE** *5th June* Rounds, Call Changes

**WING** *2nd June* Call Changes, PH. Queens

Plus -

*Friday June 3rd* Participation in a Jubilee concert, Ketton (Handbells)

*Friday June 3rd* Wedding at Hambleton

*Friday June 3rd* Wedding ringing at Oakham.

*Saturday 4th June.* Weddings at Harringworth, Langham, Ketton & Preston.

*Friday 3rd June* Quarter Peal rung at Braunston.





Uppingham Jubilee Ringers  
Thursday 2nd June

...and again, this time with Jane Peach.  
Ted behind the camera!



The Gt Casterton Team  
Thursday 2nd June

Great Casterton rang on Thursday from 7.00-8.00pm, some call changes and some Plain Bob doubles. There were nine, including their newest recruit who rang rounds with a helper.

Afterwards they had numerous young and older people either chiming or ringing backstroke for an hour during their Processo reception before lighting the beacon in the village. A very successful evening with a promise of further work to encourage some teens.

## QUARTER PEALS

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

**Edith Weston**, Rutland

St Mary

Tuesday, 31 May 2022 in 43m (7-0-13 in A)

**1260 Grandsire Doubles**

1. Julian Burton
2. Elaine Wilkinson
3. Taliya Rubendran
4. Andrew Christie (C)
5. Stuart Weston

Rung to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Jean Tinsley also joined us for some ringing ahead of the quarter and wishes to be associated with the celebration.

3: First in method



L-R: Jean, Julian, Elaine, Taliya, Andrew, Stuart

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

**Braunston**, Rutland

All Saints

Friday 3rd June

**1260 Plain Bob Minor**

1. Ian Bell
2. Sue Baker
3. Alan Ellis
4. Stephen Gullick
5. Thomas Saunders
6. Richard Beadman (C)

Rung for the Platinum Jubilee



### Striking Competitions

Dates for later in the year - Saturday 17th September, when we have our own Rutland Branch 6 bell striking competition. I'm hoping that as many towers as possible will take part.

The following weekend, on Saturday 24th September, the branch is hosting the Guild Summer Festival and 8 bell striking competition at Uppingham. As we are the hosts I believe we should enter a team.

I do have one or two who have kindly agreed to be part of the team but we still need more to come forward so that the branch can be represented. We can then have the bells at Uppingham to practice on.

*Brian Newman, Ringing Master*



**Seaton**  
**Friday 3rd June**  
 Tower Captain Henrie Kiddle conducted the team, who were requested to wear red, white & blue for the occasion.



Lyddington  
 Friday 3rd June



**The Barrowden Ringers**

2nd June Rang prior to the lighting of the beacon on the Village Green.

5 June, just before the Village Picnic which was rescheduled into the Church because of the weather.

“For both events I am glad to report that we were able to muster 6 ringers! We are all a bit rusty as this was the first ringing we have been able to do for just over two years.”

## GUILD NEWS

### Annual General Meeting:

The next Guild event is the Annual General Meeting. A reminder that names for tea need to with the Guild secretary before the event [secretary@pdg.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pdg.org.uk). The afternoons activities are based in Peterborough. Full details can be found on the website: <https://pdg.org.uk/homepage/agm-2022>

### Items of interest

As a county, Cornwall has had its problems in ringing, it is an extended county geographically, its cathedral is at one extreme, and it is largely rural. We have some similar element to tackle. This podcast looks at how they have revived interest in ringing in one area of their association. <https://funwithbells.com/on-the-lizard/>

### Dates for the Diary

**Guild AGM:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2:00 Peterborough St Mary, 2:30 Cathedral, 3:30 Peterborough St John. 4:00 Service, followed by tea and meeting at 6:00. Evening ringing at St Johns.

**Guild 10 bell:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Rothwell, 10:30 – 12:30.

Additional Second Saturday Sessions for future months can be found on the website. Express interest in the courses and propose topics that you feel there is a need for and the Guild will see what it can do to support. or more details, see here: <https://pdg.org.uk/latest-news/more-second-saturday-sessions>

### CCCBR updates

The Technical & Taxonomy workgroup (nope, I have no idea what that means either) is looking for views and interest in a review of method extension. <https://cccb.org.uk/2022/05/11/technical-taxonomy-workgroup-review-of-method-extension/>

### Jubilee Ringing

In the next update, I hope to be reporting on towers having rung for the Jubilee. In addition, you may like to add your event to the national events website: <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/events/>

Once you have rung, please add your ringing to Bellboard, and let the Guild know. This will enable us to collate information about ringing after the event. We intend to compile a list of every tower and ringer (if possible) who rang for the Jubilee and to collate this information to form a part of the historical record of the event. Your help in ringing and letting us know about it afterwards is much appreciated.

Helen Allton

Secretary: Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers

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*We would like to put on a few more courses that combine theory and practice.*

### – Understanding Call Changes on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

This will be for those who can keep their bell in the right place in rounds but want to move onto ringing Call Changes or who have started to do so but keep “getting it wrong”. Places will be limited and the location will be chosen to suit those who put their names forward. If necessary, a re-run will be organised.

### – Intermediate Bell Maintenance

A follow-up, hands-on session for those who have attended session 1. It will cover looking after ropes and stays; learning how to change a rope and stay, how to adjust the length of a tail-end, and how to splice a broken rope. The date and location will be shared with those who attended “Basic Bell Maintenance” but additional places may be available for anyone who just needs to learn these skills.

### – Ringing up and down in peal

With advice and practice for either one of these activities, this would suit ringers who are members of bands that regularly lower and raise their bells but do not have enough ringers who can do so in peal. Date and location will be sorted out based on demand.

Therefore, we are asking that if anyone is interested in any of these sessions, that they contact Simon Dixon ([master@pdg.org.uk](mailto:master@pdg.org.uk)) or Cathy Dixon ([pro@pdg.org.uk](mailto:pro@pdg.org.uk)) to let us know and we'll be in touch with more details. Please note that there will be a small fee of £2 per student to go towards a tower donation.



### AND FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

Alexia, a ringer at Buckland, Surrey, has written a book of short stories about events up the tower

'A Treasury of Bellringing Stories', over a hundred pages long - see attached poster. *This paperback book contains a collection of short stories describing events in the bell tower during the year, whether ringing joyfully for celebrations or more poignantly for Remembrance, marking the seasons present and past. The stories are suitable for all, whether bellringers or not. Everyone who hears bells ringing out over villages and towns will enjoy these stories.*

Copies of the paperback book are £5, helping to raise funds for Buckland Church.

If you would like a copy, please email [ringingstories@gmail.com](mailto:ringingstories@gmail.com) add p+p = £1.80 for UK).

Payment by cheque or BACS bank transfer - please ask for details.

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